

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 390

Approved September 8, 2009

WHEREAS, Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to underscore our commitment to fighting ovarian cancer and to finding a cure for this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer is the deadliest of the gynecologic cancers and the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 25,000 new cases of ovarian cancer are detected each year in the United States, including numerous cases in the State of Rhode Island, and more than half of these prove fatal. However, increased knowledge and awareness of the disease can lead to early detection and a high cure rate; and

WHEREAS, When detected early over 90% of women survive ovarian cancer, but tragically for many women the diagnosis comes too late because most women and their healthcare providers are not aware of the subtle symptoms of this disease, known as the “silent cancer”; and

WHEREAS, The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC), along with its Rhode Island Chapter work throughout the year to promote patient, public and professional education, emotional support, and advocacy and awareness efforts. The NOCC, through its “Break the Silence” campaign, is committed to improving the survival rate and quality of life for women with ovarian cancer;

WHEREAS, During Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we remember those who have lost their lives to this deadly disease, and honor the courage and strength of those who continue to fight this disease. We also recognize the dedicated medical professionals and researchers whose tireless efforts help provide a brighter and healthier future for women;

WHEREAS, In June 2009, the General Assembly passed Senate Resolution 2009-S1047 and House Resolution 2009-H6339, proclaiming the month of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness month in the State of Rhode Island.

NOW, THERE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby proclaims the month of September as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month", and urge the people of the City of Providence to continue their strong commitment to preventing and treating this deadly disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the American Cancer Institute, the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition and its Rhode Island Chapter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to various City and Town Councils of the State of Rhode Island seeking their consideration and support of this proposal.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK

APPROVED



MAYOR

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